



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

- WHEREAS: Children are critical to Georgia's future success, prosperity, and quality of life. While children are our most valuable resource, they also comprise one of the state's most vulnerable populations; and
- WHEREAS: All children have a right to a safe home – a place that provides each child with an opportunity to thrive, learn, and grow in an environment that fosters healthy development; and
- WHEREAS: Child abuse and neglect can be prevented by supporting and strengthening Georgia's families, thus preventing the far-reaching effects of maltreatment and providing opportunities for children to develop healthy, trusting family bonds. With such support, the community at large may better protect the interests of children today while building an even brighter future for our communities; and
- WHEREAS: When children are threatened by abuse, effective intervention becomes a shared responsibility, and Georgia citizens must come together so that the voices of children are heard by all. We must work together to see that our communities are extending helping hands to children and families in need; and
- WHEREAS: Effective child abuse prevention strategies succeed because of the partnerships created among citizens, human service agencies, schools, faith communities, health care providers, civic organizations, law enforcement agencies, the business community, and other community stakeholders; and
- WHEREAS: By providing a safe and nurturing environment for our children – an environment free from violence, abuse, and neglect – we are best ensuring that Georgia's children will grow to their full potential as the next generation of leaders and the future of this state and nation; now
- THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim April 2018 as CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 19th day of January in the year of our Lord two thousand eighteen.



Nathan Deal
GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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